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A COLORADO man offered the following toast recently: "The ladies, God bless 'em; formerly our superiors, now our equals."

THE tariff robbers of Kansas and the train and bank robbers of Oklahoma are both in a fair way to be taken in during the next week.

JERRY SIMPSON's majority will be over 2000 in this district. Thousands of democrats are for him this year who two years ago were indifferent.

THE world has come to an end—the Hutchinson World, the new republican daily paper that was started to boom Morill. The beginning of the end.

IT is lots easier to commence at the top of the democratic ticket and mark every square to the left of a name, than it is to skip around all over the ballot. Don't skip about a little bit.

THE total vote in Kansas this year will fall short 40,000 to 50,000 from the vote of 1892, which was 323,000. Mark if our guess—that the total vote will not exceed 280,000—is not correct.

WILL LUCAS will be an honor to the citizens as county superintendent of schools, and under his efficient direction the educational institutions of our county will be perfect and successful.

IF we are to judge what women would be like in politics by some of those who are cavorting about the state making political speeches this fall, then we earnestly hope the amendment will be overwhelmingly defeated.

WILL STECKEL deserves, and will get, the vote of every democrat in the county—and a good sprinkling of populists and republicans—enough to put him in the office of clerk of the district court by a good, big plurality.

THE women you admire do not want suffrage; it is the woman you want to run from who wants to vote. Every woman who has failed as a woman wants to try politics, and to this end wants to vote.—Ed. Howe (rep.).

JAS. W. CLARKE will be our county attorney after the first of next January. It is written on the book of fate and blazoned on the minds of the voters. If you want to rejoice with the winners, put in good hard licks for Jim Clarke.

THOSE rabid republican papers who howl so much about southern outrages upon negro rapists are respectfully referred to the attempted lynching of a colored man in Gov. McKinley's state, followed by an awful slaughter by the troops.

DO NOT let anyone, populist or republican, make you think that a vote for Jim Clarke, John Bement, Will Steckel, Will Lucas or P. H. Gory is "a vote thrown away." They are all winners—and are deserving of your support.

TELL me not in mournful "diggers," Chester I. will win the fight; he's n. g., he is not in it—Jerry's vote is out of sight. Life is rocky, life's a show-down, and the voters in the west, will send Jerry back to congress—and give Chet another rest.

THE democratic county ticket is a winner if democrats stand by it. Don't let any republican or populist make you erroneously think otherwise. Hustle for it late and early, and when the returns are in come and rejoice with the just and be happy with those who are glad.

PUT none but democrats on guard; and when the roses come again, and the sunflowers are in bloom, you will rejoice and be glad that you have done your share to uphold the good name and fame of Kansas and advance her a notch in the line of equitable democratic government.

A VOTE for Jerry Simpson is a vote to hold what we have gained in the measure of tariff reform, and to ultimately place barbed wire and other needful things of the agriculturist upon the free list. Remember that laws are the results of your votes. Then vote for Simpson and western interest.

JOHN BEMENT does not know the Bible, the Seven Conspiracies, Peffer's Way Out, or Looking Backward by heart, but he does know more about how the office of Probate Judge should be conducted than both the opposing candidates put together; his training and experience has all been along that line. Vote for him as a winner.

BE SURE and vote "against the amendment." A vote to defeat that cranky movement will be a vote for the future good name of Kansas, whether cast by a democrat, populist or republican. The democratic party opposes all fads and fantastic frizzes and frills in politics, and the suffrage amendment will therefore be defeated.

THE contemptible Press of Topeka continues to reprint every day those extracts from a speech which David Overmyer never made. This sort of trickery would be expected of republicans, but some decency ought to be left for a paper that started out to be democratic.—Lawrence Gazette.

THE guttersnipe pretends to be a non-partisan sheet, and on the strength of that pretense is supported by persons of all political faith; yet it does not have an issue that does not contain some sneaking, sour, sniffling slur upon either democrats or populists. It is indeed a snipe of the gutter.

THE Register says Chet. Long is elected. As the Register has said the same thing before, about this time two years ago, when the chances for Chet. were much better; and as the counting of the votes did not then carry out the statement of the Register, we are constrained to remark "Rats!"

WHEN you go into the election booth alone with your God and your lead pencil remember that democracy "has come to stay" in this nation, and that the time is rapidly approaching when Kansas—even republican ridden, prohibition ridden, Morrill ridden and Kline and Legate-ridden Kansas—will be redeemed.

IF THE majority of Barton county voters want to send a man to the state legislature who is an ultra republican; who will under any and all circumstances, vote with, caucus with and work with republicans; who upholds McKinleyism, Reedism and other isms opposed to the principles of democracy, then they will send the republican candidate. If they do not want such a man, then they will send the pop. candidate. Democrats, which will you have?

THERE are some democrats marked (by republicans, however) as "going to vote for republicans for fear of letting the populists in." For shame, men! Is that democracy? Are you for a moment thinking you are democrats and at the same time going to go back on your own candidates? We don't believe it. We will put down all such stories as merely republican or populist lies; at least we will consider them such until the votes are counted out and we see how many alleged democrats do that un-namable thing.

IF DAVID OVERMYER is defeated in this campaign it will be because a majority of the voters of Kansas would rather have a stick for governor than a MAN. When solid principles, founded on facts and known conditions, and advocated by fearless and intelligent men, have more weight with our people than party prejudice or spoils of office, then may Kansas hope to be redeemed from the rule of visionaries and corruptionists. Our faith is strong that that time is rapidly approaching, and that faith is our stay and our support.

IT is said that E. N. Morrill owns \$20,000 worth of stock in the Kansas City Times publishing company. That may account for the fight the Times is making to prevent the return of John Martin to the U. S. senate. There is another stinking, treacherous sheet assuming to be democratic but always fighting Kansas democracy, which is owned and published by republicans; we refer to the Topeka Democrat, the vent hole for Col. Whooop Towlinson's filth. One day it is hoped that Kansas democrats may shake off those two dead loads of treachery and boodlerism.

DEMOCRATS left a surplus when they went out in 1888, republicans left a panic when they went out in 1892. The people will never again trust the country in the hands of republican squanderers. Democrats have come to stay, and stay for many years, and don't you fail to record this fact in your memory. It does not matter if a few states do get the reactionary dumps and reverse their vote of two years ago, in 1896 the benefits that will have been meted out to the people by the democratic administration will have settled many of the questions now before the public, and assured a continuation of democratic power.

SOME of the female suffrage agitators are showing an insult under the nose of every intelligent man in town, by exhibiting in several store windows in town, copies of that disgraceful picture that made Kansas the laughing stock at the World's Fair. If the crabbed females who think that the voters of the nation class women with criminals, idiots, lunatics and savages should by any unfortunate circumstance ever get control of Kansas this would be a roaring bedlam of a place, wouldn't it? Voters uphold the fair name of Kansas by opposing the amendment which would bring this class of females into politics.

## OUR LAST SAY.

Before another issue of the DEMOCRAT will have been printed the political battle of 1894 will have been fought and won, and the victorious ones will be pretty well known. It is impossible for any man to safely predict the result at this time; he who assumes to know that his party is going to be victorious only exhibits his bump of assurance, and fools no one; while he who acknowledges that, under existing circumstances, the results of the Kansas elections this year are extremely uncertain, shows good judgment.

With the detestable methods both the republican and populist parties have used in conducting the campaign just closing in the state, all fair minded people should be well satisfied that neither of those two parties should be successful; each has shown the other up as incompetent, unsafe and untrustworthy; and if only half that either has said about the other is true Kansas would be disgraced should either the populists or republicans win.

There is a middle ground where all good citizens COULD meet, and a set of candidates who would be indeed a credit to all the people—we refer to the democratic candidates. But party prejudice, party blindness and love of pelf and position will doubtless blind many voters to the best interests of the state, and thus prevent the success of the best ticket and the most able and trustworthy men.

The education our people are getting, however, will ripen into future good, and the democratic speakers who have traversed the state teaching true democracy well know that they are doing their duty nobly and well, whether the people today give them credit therefor or not.

In this congressional district the issues are plain and unequivocal. Shall we send a man to congress who is in favor of everything that is republican and against the interests of Kansas people? Or shall we send Jerry Simpson back for two years more to do his duty in the future as he has in the past by voting and working for every measure that is in the interests of western people? We believe the voters of this district will stand by the man who has stood by them—will again return Jerry to the halls of congress and return the handsome Chester I. Long to his Barber county amours.

Concerning the county ticket, we hope and believe that the unprejudiced voters will cast their ballots for the men best fitted for the various offices, and men of honor only, and if they do this democratic candidates will not be retired, but will be called upon to serve the people during the coming two years.

To the people generally we say: Vote for the best men and you will vote right—because you will find those men on the democratic ticket.

To democrats, we say the same, with the additional assurance that if you stand loyally by them, go to the polls and work for them, give them the loyal support which they as democrats deserve you will have the pleasure of having them do your official business for the next two years, and do it well and with credit to the party and the men who elected them.

Once more let us urge upon all voters to not neglect expressing their wishes on the suffrage amendment. The proposition will be found at the bottom of each ticket. Put a cross in one of the squares—and the very LAST one on the ballot—"against the amendment"—is the most sensible, the manly, the BUSINESS place to put your cross. Do not neglect this last cross; it means more to the good name of the state, the future prosperity and happiness of our people, than all the others.

DUKE PULLMAN's business was so unprofitable last summer that he was obliged to cut down the wages of his employees to a starvation basis thereby causing the biggest, most widespread and most expensive strike the country has ever known. But his business must have improved this fall, for he has been able to make a contribution of a quarter of a million dollars to the republican campaign fund. Illinois gets it all. Pullman knows his friends and recognizes their value to him. They have helped him before and he expects their allegiance to continue. He is a thrifty man and is not throwing away his money. The success of republicanism is essential to the success of this 19th century robber.—Lawrence Gazette.

REPUBLICANS "irrigated" in their platform, the candidates "irrigated" copiously during the campaign and many voters are regularly "irrigating" before breakfast every morning. Now let all pay less attention to that particular kind of irrigation and more to the kind that will raise cabbage, onions, potatoes, alfalfa, corn, etc.

## NOTES FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

### ELLINWOOD.

From the Advocate.  
Every dog has his day, but the cats still prefer the night.

A vote for J. H. Strothman is a vote against a republican for the United States senate.

John Watkins' family left Wednesday morning for Kansas City, Mo., to make their future home.

Mrs. D. Hall went to Halstead Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. G. Carnihan, for a few days.

M. S. Harvey returned Sunday from his phonographic tour through the southern part of the state.

Miss Hattie Robinson who has been confined to her bed several weeks with typhoid fever, is convalescing.

Chas. Bryant left Sunday for Hutchinson, after visiting a week with his brother Walter of the south side.

This is no year for skulking democrat. No matter whether you be a fusionist or a straightout vote the democratic county ticket.

A tree is the only natural thing we know of in this latitude that wears lighter apparel in winter time than it does in summer.

The box social given for the benefit of the C. E., at the residence of Mr. H. L. Ives, was a decided success, socially and financially. A very large crowd was in attendance and all seemed to enjoy the occasion.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. C. McClintock on Tuesday, October 23d, a girl baby. Mother and daughter doing well, but we feel sorry for Mr. McClintock, who is now in Salt Lake City, when he hears the good news.

### PAWNEE ROCK.

From "Bill Dalton Esq."  
Mrs. Vosburg wants ten more boarders.

John Lile thinks working on the steel gang a snap.

Politics are high—with the pops ahead so far.

Boarding places are in demand the last few days.

The Pawnee Rock people have the township voted.

Ready for counting. For information address the central committee.

Dan Flick has no time to talk to the girls. It keeps him busy waiting on the table.

C. O. Swartz and J. R. Baker are waiting for a load of wheat to come so business will start.

T. P. Nichols and wife are house-keeping in the Eli Bowman house. Success to the young couple.

Who says Pawnee Rock is a dull town? Two to three hundred laborers can be seen every evening. The steel gang makes things lively.

J. L. Hedricks is the strongest politician we have in our town. Don't mention politics to him if you don't want an argument on hands.

### HOISINGTON.

From the Dispatch.  
Mrs. Geo. Orr is visiting in Denver.

Priscilla Schilke has returned from Chicago.

Wm. Ford had 500 bushels of apples at picking time.

D. W. Linder and son Chas. were at Great Bend Thursday.

A. C. Shaffer is down from Horace. He is running the yard engine there.

Mrs. B. F. Smith, of Garden City, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Cooke.

Mrs. Bowers is enjoying a visit from her sister, Miss Bryant, of Missouri.

Mrs. Geo. Bagley went to Waterloo, Nebraska, the first of the week to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. P. Francis and daughter left Saturday for Jackson, Ohio, to see her sister who is dangerously ill.

J. A. Shirley and J. R. Webber left Monday for an extensive trip through the Strip and Indian Territory.

Thursday evening, Oct. 25th, at a little before 6 o'clock an alarm of fire was given and it was discovered that a blaze had in some manner started in the rear part of the Ladenberger building, recently occupied by Schilke's bakery. It was but a few minutes until the building was enveloped in flames which spread to A. L. Peugh's barber shop and the Carlander building, occupied as a harness shop by J. J. Winterburg and upstairs by Mrs. Jolley. Willing hands carried out nearly all the goods in all the buildings. The goods in Herres' store and residence, Whaley's meat shop, Mitchell's carpenter shop and

residence, Huston's residence and J. A. Hall's residence were carried out, but by diligent work the flames were kept from these buildings. The total loss is estimated to be about \$1,500. All the occupants sustained slight loss and those who vacated their places of business and residences lost from breakage. Mr. Winterburg carried \$550 insurance and M. A. Carlander \$60. It is not known just how the fire started but it is thought to have been set by some small boys.

### CLAFLIN.

From the Leader.  
Mrs. D. L. Roaben is quite sick.

Miss Minnie Veach is attending school in Claflin.

Will Wickham and bride are here from Canton this week visiting Elder Wickham and family.

St. Peter's Catholic church was the scene of a large double wedding yesterday morning. The contracting parties were Carl Bieberlie, Jr., and Miss Anna Zink; George Feist and Miss Katie Zink. The brides are sisters, and after the ceremony the principals and their friends repaired to their parents' home where a fine spread awaited them. Dancing was indulged in at night and a merry time was enjoyed by all present.

AS TIME passes merchant after merchant announces that because "wool piece goods are lower than they have been for thirty years," he can sell fine clothing lower than he has ever sold them before. In view of this fact we feel like warning our high tariff friends not to become cheap men by wearing cheap clothing; but remembering the saying of Benjamin Harrison, that "a cheap coat makes a cheap man," and also that of the great apostle of high tariff, Wm. McKinley that "cheap means nasty," and that "cheap and nasty go hand in hand," we hope our high tariff friends when passing the windows of merchants where cheap clothing under the new tariff act, is displayed, will not be tempted to linger and gaze on the reduced prices so prominently displayed lest perchance they may be lured to purchase thereof, and thus be classed by the great lights of protection above quoted as cheap men. Rather let the honest protectionist when passing such places shut his eyes and trust in the Lord to lead him out of temptation.—Winfield Tribune.

ALL GOOD citizens of Barton county have by this time pretty well made up their minds who they want to support at the polls next Tuesday, and any sensational matter that the over-zealous politicians may bring up the last few days before election day will have little effect on fair minded men. That the republicans will try this dodge of springing false stories at the "eleventh hour," too late to be refuted by honest candidates, we have not the least doubt. Their case is desperate, as is also the case of some of the populists, and desperate efforts will be made to prejudice the people against the democratic candidates. It is to be earnestly hoped that the better element of voters of all parties will sit down upon any and all candidates who attempt to use that cowardly method of political warfare known as "election day sensation."

SAY, have you noticed that the rip snorters, the "hip! and hurrah!" fellows who were prancing about bawling for bets on Long against Simpson two years ago, are all reasonably docile now? They have not a dollar to risk on Long's chances for election this year. They know that Jerry Simpson has strengthened himself in every locality; and they also know that the district cannot this year be flooded with as large a number of illegal voters as it was two and four years ago.

IF THE populists are defeated in the state this year Joe Chapman, of the Topeka Press, will be so badly in the soup that he will wish he had never proven traitor to the democracy. He is so worked up over the precarious situation that he has taken to abusing his best friends in order to score a point. Poor Joe Jo.

A MONTH ago the republicans were going to carry the state for Morrill by 50,000 votes; today they are only claiming 7,000 to 10,000 plurality. They do not say what has caused them to change the figures. The fact is, their first estimate was 50,000 too high, and their present estimate is 10,000 to 15,000 too high.

BOTH the populists and republicans have imported German speakers, at a heavy expense, to tell Barton county German voters how to vote. Our judgment is that Barton county German voters know pretty well how they want to vote without those fellows, who are hired at so much a speech, to come and tell them.